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MALNUTRITION -- "BODY FEEDS ON ITSELF"

Malnutrition is slow starvation. Doctors agree that 1500 calories a day is rock-bottom if the body is to perform even the primary function of keeping alive. Below 1500 calories the body begins to feed on itself. Fat layers between muscles and around vital organs disappear. Anemia sets in. As resistance is lowered, the system falls easy prey to tuberculosis, dysentery, blood poisoning.

While the body grows leaner and weaker, subtler, more dangerous changes occur. Vitamin deficiency causes bones to soften. Protein-deficient diet causes edema -- a swelling of arms, legs, and abdomen because of waterlogged tissues. Hair and teeth may fall out. Children stop growing.

150 million Europeans are on daily rations of less than 1500 calories.

-- Time Magazine, April 22, 1946.

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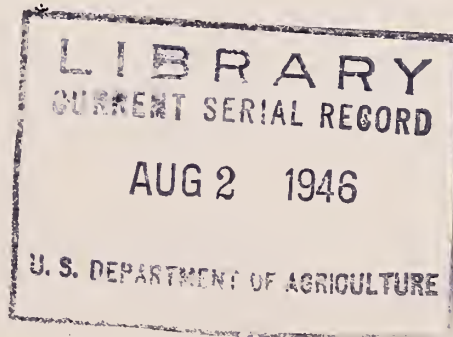
WORLD GRAIN SHIPMENTS LAGGING

"During recent weeks shipments of bread grains to countries threatened with famine have been insufficient to maintain during May the already inadequate rate of consumption in many importing countries.

"Unless shipments are increased promptly, breakdown of the ration systems in these countries is threatened. This would mean chaos in food distribution."

-- Portion of a statement issued by the Combined Food Board
on April 24, 1946.

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EXPORT FIGURES

The following table shows 1946 U. S. wheat and wheat flour exports up to April 20.

WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR

(Flour in terms of wheat equivalent)

Estimated exports from the U. S. January 1--April 20 ^{1/}
(Unit--thousand bushels)

Country of Destination	Cumulative Jan.1- Feb.28	Wheat Mar.1 to Mar.20	Flour Mar.1 to Mar.20	Wheat Mar.20 to Apr.20	Flour (Est.) Mar.20- Apr.20	Total Exports Wheat and Flour
British Empire ^{2/}	7,578	635	1,045	1,456	1,680	12,394
France & French N.Africa ^{3/}	13,476	3,696	747	8,399	1,866	28,184
Belgium.....	2,053	75	261	37	523	2,949
Netherlands.....	1,456	--	--	37	37	1,530
UNRRA ^{4/}	29,341	6,159	560	8,101	2,053	46,214
Portugal ^{5/}	1,307	--	75	597	261	2,240
Spain ^{6/}	1,083	--	37	560	--	1,680
Mexico.....	1,381	821	187	--	187	2,576
Brazil.....	3,808	--	1,008	--	261	5,077
Cuba.....	1,195	--	597	--	747	2,539
Philippines.....	2,016	--	411	--	187	2,614
U.S.Occupation Zones.....	4,218	149	--	6,570	--	10,937
Miscellaneous ^{7/}	3,210	--	560	299	933	5,002
Total.....	<u>72,122</u>	<u>11,535</u>	<u>5,488</u>	<u>26,056</u>	<u>8,735</u>	<u>123,936</u>

^{1/} Including approximately 165,000 long tons of Canadian wheat milled in bond in the United States.

^{2/} Principally India and Occupation Zones.

^{3/} Includes French Zone in Germany

^{4/} Includes Italian national program

^{5/} Includes dependencies except Angola and Mozambique

^{6/} Includes Canary Islands and Morocco.

^{7/} Includes 28 countries, principally in Latin America, but also in Asia and Africa. These countries received mainly wheat flour.

U. S. INAUGURATES SIX NEW FAMINE RELIEF MEASURES

On Good Friday the U. S. Government announced 6 new measures to speed up and increase shipments of food grains to famine areas. These measures are expected to make more grain available immediately for food purposes, and to encourage farmers to market more corn and to discontinue feeding livestock to heavy weights.

The new actions provide for:

1. An order to be in effect until July 1, 1946, requiring millers to reduce their production of flour for domestic consumption to 75 percent of the amount distributed in the corresponding period last year. It is expected that between 9 and 10 million bushels of wheat per month will be saved by this order.
2. An order requiring food manufacturers to limit the use of wheat in the manufacture of products for domestic human consumption to 75 percent of the quantity used in the corresponding period last year.
3. An order, effective May 1, limiting wheat inventories of millers and food manufacturers to a 21-day supply.
4. A bonus offer of 30 cents a bushel above market prices for wheat delivered by farmers before May 25 under the emergency wheat purchase plan. Wheat is to be delivered to local elevators. In return a farmer will receive a "contract of sale." The "contract of sale" will be used in making the 30-cent-a-bushel bonus payment.
5. A bonus offer of 30 cents a bushel above ceiling prices for corn sold by farmers to the Commodity Credit Corporation. The offer will remain in effect until the Government has purchased about 50 million bushels of corn. Corn is to be delivered to local elevators.
6. An offer to buy an unlimited amount of oatmeal from millers in the U. S. Whole oats will also be purchased for relief shipments.

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: Attached to this "round-up" is a digest of all wheat and :
: flour actions taken since February 6 (the time of the Presi- :
: dent's original famine emergency directive), designed to :
: speed up and increase wheat and flour shipments to famine- :
: stricken areas. This digest can be used as a ready reference :
: to the various measures now in force. :
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NEW STEPS TAKEN BY OTHER NATIONS

Following the lead set by the United States, other Nations have also announced new efforts to make more food available to famine areas.

Canada is making available an additional 3 million bushels of oats now and 5 million bushels more in May. She has also promised $2\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels more of low-grade wheat in the immediate future.

Argentina has promised additional wheat to be available during the next 3 months.

The Argentine Government has offered Argentine farmers a bonus equivalent to 42 cents a bushel for all wheat sold to the Government between April 16 and May 16. The base price of wheat in Argentina is \$1.22 per bushel.

Argentina wheat millers have been placed under milling quotas. Each miller is limited to milling no more flour during the 12-month period from Nov. 1945 to Nov. 1946 than he milled in the corresponding 12-month period a year earlier.

The United Kingdom Government is diverting to famine destitute nations about $7\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels of wheat from cargoes now afloat to the United Kingdom. In return, the United Kingdom has been assured adequate wheat supplies during May, June, and July.

Egypt has agreed to allocate over a million bushels of Egyptian corn to Greece and India, and to loan as much as $7\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels of wheat against later reimbursement, providing the June crop is good.

Ethiopia has offered UNRRA over 5 million bushels of wheat and other foodstuffs in the next 12 months, providing UNRRA will help transport it to export points.

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STARVATION WIDESPREAD IN CHINA

A famine of almost unprecedented severity is sweeping China.

No matter how much food we can send, it still won't be enough, according to Fiorello LaGuardia, director of UNRRA.

- * More than 30 million persons in 19 provinces are on the verge of starvation.
- * China's limited food supplies are largely used up and people are eating roots, grass, tree bark, and clay.
- * Hunan province, formerly known as "China's rice bowl", harvested only half its usual rice crop due to droughts, floods, battle damage, and looting last year. Five million people are starving there today.
- * Desperate conditions have recently developed in Hopei province, where the situation was believed to be fairly good. Tens of thousands have already died.

Meanwhile, UNRRA is finding itself unable to meet food commitments to China. Original plans called for shipment of about 32 million bushels of food, principally bread cereals and rice, during the first six months of 1946. But during the first quarter, only about 7 million bushels were shipped to the starving country. This came from the United States, Canada, and Siam.

Food shipped in by UNRRA will be the only salvation for China's millions between now and the July wheat harvest. Many feeble, emaciated Chinese won't be able to sustain life until that time.

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BLUE FACED CHILDREN

Healthy American children are rosy-cheeked and bright-eyed. But babies of Holland have faces icy blue from malnutrition.

Mme. Alexander Loudon, wife of the Netherlands Minister to the United States, says that before World War II, Holland was proud of the beauty of its children. But now the children have arms and legs like "sticks with claws at the end." Their faces are not human faces, but masks of terror, like hunted little animals.

During 1945, 35,600 children below the ages of 12, died in Holland. There was a 300 percent increase in infant deaths from the preceding year.

America can change the blue deathly pallor on the faces of these children to a rosy, healthy glow by saving wheat products for export.

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"PEOPLE WHO ARE STARVING DIE ONLY ONCE..." -- LaGuardia

HELPFUL REMINDERS -----

Don't overeat. Remember that people are starving, that many will die unless help comes soon.

Cut down on waste. At home, don't take more than you can eat. Eat one slice of bread at one meal.

Substitute. Eat fresh fruits for dessert, not pastries. Use potatoes instead of dry dry cereals. Serve open-faced sandwiches -- or better still, a vegetable salad instead.

Save fats and oils. Don't fry fish, meats, poultry. Bake, boil, or stew them. Use meat drippings to flavor vegetables, dressings, sauces.

Plant a garden. You can have fresh and plentiful vegetables for your table.

Be a one-man (or one-woman) information bureau. Spread the word around that the world food situation is critical, and will remain that way for at least three months. Help the famine committee.

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FOOD IS GOOD-WILL

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said in a recent address that starving people have little time or energy to think about the future. "They are thinking about bread and potatoes, not about the advantage of democracy.

"Other countries know that ours is the best-fed Nation on earth, but have little time to reflect that the democratic Nations are their only large source of help.

"We want our own good-will to beget good-will in all parts of the world. We want to translate good-will into lasting peace and prosperity.

"But the words we want to speak to the peoples of the world must be words of truth. We cannot speak these words unless we supply the food."

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NEWS-DEVELOPMENTS

President Harry S. Truman said over a recent Nation-wide broadcast:

"We cannot ignore the CRY OF HUNGRY CHILDREN. Surely we will not turn our backs on the millions of human beings begging for just a crust of bread. The warm heart of America will respond to the greatest threat of mass starvation in the history of mankind.

"America is faced with a solemn obligation. Long ago we promised to do our full part.

"The time for talk has passed. The time for action is here.

"America cannot remain healthy and happy in the same world where millions of human beings are starving.

"A sound world order can never be built upon a foundation of human misery," he said. "Once again I appeal to all Americans to sacrifice so that others may live....."

The President said that every ounce of fat and oil, every slice of bread, will help keep starving people alive.

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In an appeal for additional aid, UNRRA Director LaGuardia said:

"I appeal desperately to the American farmer...Bring in the wheat! But bring it in now. Bring it in fast. PEOPLE ARE DYING!"

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In a radio address from Cairo, Egypt, Herbert Hoover, honorary Chairman of the President's Famine Emergency Committee, estimated that 150 million Europeans between the Russian frontier and the English channel must have overseas supplies during this period if wide-spread famine is to be prevented.

He contrasted the caloric levels of America and Britain, and said "there are 13 countries where the city populations have an average intake of less than 1900 calories." He added that "six countries of about 100 million people are below a 1500 caloric level...and millions of people below 1000 calories."

Down these various levels starvation begins, Mr. Hoover said. He urged voluntary reduction of consumption of fats and wheat products in the U. S., and he urged Americans to eat only 200 grams (7 ounces - 5½ slices) of grain products daily.

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Pope Pius XII cabled UNRRA Director Fiorello H. LaGuardia April 20 and expressed his "PRAYERFUL WISHES" for the success of efforts to overcome world famine.

Mr. LaGuardia wired his thanks and said that "UNRRA will buy food but we must have it at once. It is most comforting to have your interest and sympathy and help."

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"No element is as important in PRESERVING THE PEACE of the world as food," General Dwight D. Eisenhower told a crowd gathered to greet him in his birth place, Denison, Texas, April 20.

"This land of America has responsibilities it can't dodge," the friendly General declared. "It is the breadbasket of the world."

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From the shattered ghost town of Eboli in southern Italy, a Time Magazine correspondent cabled this description of the HORRIFYING WORK OF MALNUTRITION.

"When you drag the children out of their hovels into the light of day, they all show the same familiar signs; narrow shoulders, protruding Adam's apple, spidery legs, earth-colored, leathery skin, huge eyes in huge heads. Worst of all, they have the dull fixed star of children who have never laughed."

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World food conditions last week:

Poland -- Grain stocks are so low that the government is considering whether to use its seed grain for food. If the seed grain is used, it means the acute wheat shortage in Poland will last another year.

Yugoslavia -- UNRRA reports "that unless we receive definite information on May food shipments we will have to announce that we cannot continue to feed needy areas, and that starvation is imminent."

Greece -- 75 percent of children from 6 to 16 years old show signs of chronic malnutrition. In one village, 20 percent of the population is living on roots and weeds.

Italy -- Stocks of grain only sufficient for a week to 10 days.

Belgium -- Will be entirely without bread within 30 days unless imports are received, according to a spokesman for the Belgium Ministry of Food.

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W. E. Dodd, Undersecretary of Agriculture, said this week that there is a "good chance" of this year's wheat and corn crop being the largest in history.

Farmers got an early start on their spring planting. He predicted farmers would plant nearly 300 million acres of food, livestock feed and fiber crops. This would be 4 million acres more than last year.

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Housewives were given notice by the Combined Food Board that there will be NO INCREASE in present short supplies of SUGAR, FATS AND OILS, and probably butter, for the rest of 1946.

The Food Board has earmarked 5,433,000 short tons of sugar for American civilians for 1946. It set aside 288,000 tons for the armed services and 50,000 tons for minor American exports.

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An American transport plane flew 153 cases of HATCHING EGGS to Czechoslovakia April 20, in the first direct shipment of hatching eggs from the United States.

The eggs were sent by UNRRA to help Czechoslovakia rebuild hatcheries in that country. On landing, the eggs were immediately moved to a cooperative hatchery in Moravia.

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Sweden IS STILL RATIONING FOOD to its own citizens, so relief can be sent to war-stricken countries, the Swedish minister announced April 20.

During the war Sweden laid up large reserves of supplies for use in the event she was forced into the conflict. Those supplies are now being shipped away for relief feeding.

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Local Initiative

Louisiana. Two schools collected and weighed food waste. Then a demonstration was made on how much of the bread included in the waste could have been saved. Reports are that when waste was again weighed a few days later, its volume had been "considerably reduced."

North Carolina reports that several communities put on a drive to rid the area of rats, tying the campaign to the famine theme. One county held a special meeting with Negro leaders. One paper is running famine news under heading "Save a Little and Help a Lot."

Missouri reports: "No program in which we have had a direct interest, either prior to or during the war, has received such complete, spontaneous and energetic support from the press. The volume of clippings submitted by county food managers more than doubles the amount sent in on any other program." Missouri is preparing to make a spot-check in major cities in an attempt to measure actual savings of bread, wheat products, fats and oils. Check will be made on restaurants and hotel dining rooms.

Massachusetts' Food Advisory committees are underwriting a campaign among the food industries. A detailed blueprint of campaign plans shows the contact plan, lists types of material, how and by whom they will be distributed.

Michigan Commonwealth and Southern Corp. will publicize the famine drive throughout the utilities organization, which has subsidiary companies in 12 other states. State program manager has written the managers of those states which include Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Department of Health is using famine fact newsletters to all public health doctors and nurses.

PMA office in Dallas sends two suggested stories. One directed at parents points out that millions of children in Europe and Asia are starving, then follows through with statistics on famine and disease. The second points out that "The approach of warm weather makes it a waste of money for housewives to store more flour than they need for current use. . ."

California. San Francisco News is working on a plan to load a food ship in San Francisco harbor and dispatch it directly to a needy nation, thus dramatizing the food crisis for Californians. State DAR convention featured a speech on food saving.

Rhode Island says that the No. 1 job to save grain is to convince dairymen of the need for prompt and liberal fertilization of pasture and hayland, although prospects are better than ever before. "A perfect setup for spreading the word to a lot of people," comments the state report on the activity of a local barber.

Texas and Tennessee counties are sending out famine conservation material with monthly power and light statements.

Oklahoma reports with statistics -- famine drive aired in 1,848 of 2,953 schools, 669 ministers behind drive, 186 of 219 papers giving good coverage, broadcasts on 12 of 15 local radio stations.

New York's Bakery Division of the NYC Advisory Committee circulated some 20,000 copies of a famine appeal to the State's restaurant industry. Sheffield Farms Co. reports that in its cafeteria all hot meat sandwiches are open, no more two-crust pies, fruits are being used as an alternate for pastries and cakes 50 percent of the time, three-layer cakes are out completely.

PMA office in Atlanta prepared a group of short press releases, telling the story of suffering and want abroad. Many dealt by name with specific children of foreign countries. A lead in one asks, "If one out of every six members of your family had to starve, which one would it be?" It then points out that one-sixth of the population in China's Honan province is starving.

Ohio reports that large ads sponsored by the Brewers Corporation of America has helped the campaign there.

Connecticut reports that two industrial plants feeding more than 3,000 workers are serving only one slice of bread per customer.

In Torrington, April 29, Governor Baldwin and Walter F. Straub will address a mass meeting.

Idaho. American Legion in one town will award cash prizes to each school for prize-winning essays on food saving.

MARYLAND -- State Restaurant Association having dieticians prepare an entire day's menu containing not more than 1,500 calories. They'll ask all members to feature it two days each week. The association is also polling members for opinions on featuring one wheatless day per week.

Several States mention the wheat drive in latest reports. South Dakota says that as soon as farmers get the word on how the wheat plan works, the grain will start moving, and adds, "the supply of boxcars is adequate everywhere." Michigan says, "It is anticipated that more than a million bushels of wheat can be marketed from Michigan farms between now and harvest."

Says Montana: "We believe this certificate plan has removed all the objections the farmers may have had to marketing their wheat at this time." Colorado reports that the Secretary of the Colorado Elevator and Feed Dealers Association will send a letter to all elevator members, encouraging them to get farmers to deliver wheat. In the North Dakota - Montana area, Catholic priests and Protestant ministers are preaching sermons urging farmers to turn in their wheat.

In Washington, D. C. arrangements are completed for the American Red Cross to take the famine message into 22 million American homes. The Red Cross is planning other activities in the famine campaign. Arrangements are made with the Federal Council of Churches to help schedule a famine speaker at meetings of member groups. Representatives of the Council of Synagogues are writing a letter for distribution to all member rabbis, and contacts are being made with B'nai B'rith.

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Victory Gardens

Home gardeners are getting off to a fast start this year because of the early spring season. Planting time was advanced as much as 3 weeks in some areas. Thus, home gardeners will be able to contribute help in the first phase of the food crisis -- the next 60 days before harvest of new crops overseas. Produce from home gardens will be available before that time. Victory gardeners will be in a position to reduce further their consumption of critical foods needed for immediate shipment abroad.

The early season means that home gardeners will be able to contribute more as well as sooner. The longer season should make possible better yields and increase production by successive plantings on the same ground. By producing and preserving more for himself, each citizen will be able to share more with his starving neighbors overseas.

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Church Actions

Ministers throughout the country are bearing down hard on the famine theme, judging by state reports.

"The religion of sharing carries with it the responsibility of knowing the latest nutritional needs of the people of the whole world" is the way the Pennsylvania office summed it up in a message to clerics throughout the Quaker State.

Pennsylvania, incidentally, is tying in its third annual "Miracle of Food Day" observances throughout the State with the campaign against famine. Covering a three-day period, May 3 & 5, the clergymen will preach the gospel of sharing. Already some 6,000 of them have written for famine facts and sermon texts, and have been sent some 12 pages of first-rate material.

"Miracle of Food Day" derives from the Biblical story of Elijah. After being fed bread by the widow of Zarephath, he raised her ailing son and she saw "that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth."

The observance of such a day began in Pennsylvania during the war when the sharing theme was directed at feeding our fighting men and allies.

Some dozen states refer in their latest famine reports to the help given by churches. Almost all other states have done so in earlier reports.

"All ministers are encouraging program and support of same through Sunday schools," writes one South Dakota county. The comment was typical of that from at least five other counties.

Virginia reports that "five additional counties reported full cooperation on the part of ministers and church groups."

In Wyoming, President Truman's outline of the famine program was distributed to the entire congregation of an Evanston church.

The Governor of Washington is calling a meeting May 7 of the heads of many service and civic groups, including the churches, to enter a personal plea for their help in combatting famine.

New Mexico reports that ministers in that State are going to give an hour or more of future services to the famine and sharing themes.

Churches in Vermont observed "Famine Sunday" April 28, using material prepared in advance by the State and counties.

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SHARING IS GOSPEL

Biblical Texts and tips on food and sharing:

"The Master saith unto thee, 'There is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?'" -- Luke 22:11

"Owe nobody anything, except the duty of mutual love, for whosoever loves his fellowmen has fully satisfied the law, for the law is all summed up in one saying, 'You must love your neighbor as you do yourself'." -- Romans 13:8-10.

"There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God." -- Ecclesiastes 2:24.

Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." -- John 14:19.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." -- Eccles. 11:1.

"Give Ye Them." -- Matt. 14:16

"And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to Heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude." -- Luke 9:16.

Other Tests: Feeding of the five thousand, Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-13; God's gift of Manna to Israel, Exodus 16; Joseph's program of grain conservation for Egypt, Gen. 41; Bread and spirit, Deut. 8:3; What will the harvest be?, John 4:35-38; Life Abundant, John 10:10 and John 14:19; The Miracle of Food, 1 Kings 17:10-17, and Bearing the infirmities of the weak, Romans 15:1.

Helpful tips might include the note that from the date of God's promise to Abraham to the present day food has been the symbol of life and blood has been the symbol of brotherhood.

A poverty-stricken tenement dweller once said: "We have no food, no clothing, no hope and nobody cares."

One wake-of-war picture shows a little girl on a pile of rubble. She's screaming, "I'm nobody's nothin'."

In Dicken's Christmas Carol, the ghost says: "Business! Is that the end of life? I think was my business. The common welfare was my business: charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business."

The disciples said, "We have so little," but Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat."

Food Distribution Advisory Committees

Representative activities of Food Distribution Advisory Committees:

Aberdeen, S.D. — An excellent poster explaining orders prohibiting consignment bread sales was distributed to retailers by the bakery representative on our committee.

Boise, Idaho — In the March issue of the Idaho Food Dealers Association State Journal were two articles and posters on food conservation. — Circulation - 1800 Idaho food dealers.

Kansas — Copies of the poster "Help Fight Famine" are being printed for distribution to all restaurants in the State.

St. Louis, Mo. — Two thousand copies of the poster originated by the Washington, D. C. Restaurant Association are being printed and distributed to the local restaurants. The Continental and four other major baking companies in Kansas City have distributed 2,000 large posters to bread outlets in the area.

Madison, Wis. — A representative of the baking industry has mailed letters at his own expense to the consumer trade and baking industry in southern Wisconsin on the subject of food conservation.

Marshall, Minn. — Expansion of the Victory Garden Program is being stressed in advertising by the committee member representing grain and seed companies. Five hundred placards "That Little Children May Live" have been distributed to retail outlets by a member representing the baking industry.

Columbus, Ohio — The executive vice-president of the Ohio Restaurant Association, a committee member, submitted a conservation message to all association members in the State of Ohio.

Providence, R. I. — The State Retail Grocers Association has sent out letters urging full cooperation from all members.

Saginaw, Mich. — Reported that the State Restaurant Association members were more than anxious to cooperate by serving only one slice of bread, open-face pies and salads without oil.

Battle Creek, Mich. — Members of the committee made personal calls on radio stations and newspapers to broaden use of famine material.

Food Distribution Advisory Committees (CONT'D.)

Kentucky -- Copies of the poster prepared by the Washington, D. C. Restaurant Association have been made available to committee members throughout the State with a request that similar material be printed and distributed by them.

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Pledges

For groups desiring to use "pledges" in local campaigns, the U. S. Department of Agriculture suggests the following:

* MY PERSONAL PLEDGE *
* TO HELP SAVE FOOD *

I believe that by saving food I can save lives.
I believe that my food-saving efforts will help build
a stronger, more peaceful world for generations to come.

I want to help some starving persons live. I pledge
to do the following things to the best of my ability:

- * Waste no food.
- * Cut down on the use of wheat products, fats and oils.
- * Re-use and salvage kitchen fats.
- * Use the more plentiful foods.
- * Keep up my garden.
- * Preserve food at home.

Signed/ _____

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Plentiful Foods

Fish are in plentiful supply -- (see attached fact sheet.)
Indications are that the early potato crop, which is not a particularly good keeping crop, will be the largest in history.

Other plentiful foods remain the same as last week.

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Community Canning

The U. S. Office of Education, Extension Service, Farm Security Administration, Rural Electrification Administration, and Production and Marketing Administration are all sending letters to their State Offices on community canning, showing the part their respective agencies will take in the program.

Plans are underway for special information for community canners.

A report on sugar, including information on school canning sugar supplies, is being prepared.

Facts about canning supplies:

TIN -- CPA is giving an A preference to home and community canners.

GLASS JARS -- Supply satisfactory.

LIDS -- Supply satisfactory.

RINGS -- Improved quality over last year.

PRESSURE COOKERS -- Improved supply -- Production up over war years.

Buyers of canning supplies are urged to place orders early so that manufacturers can estimate demand.

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Negro Cooperation

During the past week, 100 copies each of printed pamphlets "Help Fight Famine" and Dining Car suggestions were sent to the Director of the Commercial School of Dietetics at Tuskegee Institute. The school teaches cooks, chefs and food handlers for such groups as the American Restaurant Association and several railroads including the Pennsylvania, Illinois Central and Southern Pacific.

Three stories were prepared for the Negro press: One on food savings for the 10,000 Negro restaurants; another on the 11,000 grocers in the South; the third aimed at Church festivals and carnivals, and similar affairs held in cooperation with Parent-Teacher Associations -- urging conservation as outlined in fact sheet.

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Women's Activities

The National Farm and Garden Association which is holding its convention in Washington, D. C., May 1-2, will have as its main speaker Mr. Paul Stark who will talk on the world food situation and the importance of gardening and preservation of food in the United States. The two Famine films will be shown at the meeting.

The National Council of Negro Women is using special Famine material in its quarterly publication, "African American Woman's Journal" and also in its news letter, "Telefact."

The National Association of Colored Women, Inc. sent a list of State Emergency Food Managers to its regional and state officers, urging them to get in touch with the PMA offices and offer their assistance in this program. They are also using especially prepared materials in their bulletin and will use a speaker and the films at their Golden Jubilee Convention, in Washington, July 27-August 2.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Non-Partisan Council of Public Affairs has notified its various offices regarding the importance of working with the State Emergency Food Managers and has requested that speakers be placed on all Regional and State Convention programs.

Miss Gladys W. Jones, Executive Secretary, Quota Club International, reports that they have reduced the number of banquets and luncheons which usually are planned for their national convention and are simplifying their menus as a reminder of the need to conserve food. They are also distributing Famine Emergency materials at their National Convention, St. Louis, July 1-3.

At The Daughters of the American Revolution National Convention in Atlantic City, May 20-24, the need of cooperation in the Famine Emergency Program will be emphasized. It is suggested that it might be well to follow up with the State groups immediately following the convention.

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Anderson, LaGuardia Spark Wheat Drive

Secretary Anderson and UNRRA Director LaGuardia flew to North Dakota and Minnesota wheat areas over the week-end to spark the drive to "sweep the bins clean." PMA Administrator Shields is with them.

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Distributive Trades

The following have pledged to help in the Famine Emergency: The Super Market Institute, Limited Price Variety Stores Association, National Retail Dry Goods Association, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Associated Chain Drug Stores, United News Co., National Tavern Association, United National and Retail Liquor Association, and American Hotel Association.

A retailer's committee to enlist cooperation of the Nation's retail stores in the famine relief program has been organized. Honorary Chairman is C. B. Dulcan, Sr., of the Hecht Company, Washington, D. C.

The National Restaurant Association Newsletter of April 19 devoted a full page to the emergency food program. It included a copy of the Washington Restaurant Association poster and an illustrated Chicago SUN Poster on "How We Can Help Save Starving Millions". One section of this poster shows ways in which food distributors can help save wheat and fat.

The Aatell and Jones Company of Philadelphia, which produces and sells three-quarters of a million doilies to eating houses every month, carry a big famine emergency message in the middle of their most recent doily, major theme of which is famous American mothers. This, is for May distribution to coincide with Mother's Day.

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Container and Packaging Supply Short

The supply of most food container and packaging material is extremely short, and future supplies are uncertain. Generally, it will be difficult to meet all the new crop packing requirements.

Shortages of tinplate, nails, wire box bindings, and small lumber and veneer production will restrict crate and box output.

Paper production has recovered since the war. However, the demand for paper is much greater than ever because other food packaging material is scarce.

Cotton cloth supplies used for bags and food wrappings will not be plentiful, but the demand probably will be met.

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Attachments

Your attention is called to the following attachments:

1. The "Farmers Union Herald" (St. Paul, Minn.) Extra edition on the wheat famine.
2. Copy of a letter by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to State and national organization leaders. (This is the letter mentioned in a previous round-up).
3. "Fresh and Frozen Fish Fact Sheet" -- Plentiful supply.
4. Digest of Government wheat and flour actions taken since Feb. 6.
5. Picture indexes for six photo features available from USDA Office of Information, Press Service, Washington 25, D. C.

8 X 10 glossies of the pictures shown on the indexes may be ordered through usual channels.

Because of the limited facilities, 8 X 10 glossies should be ordered only when definite publication (newspapers, magazines, house organs, etc.) outlets are well in sight.

The features:

- Victory Garden Picture Index No. 5 -- Showing a city gardener going to work.
- Food for Famine Picture Index No. 6 -- Showing wheat moving from storage to freight train.
- Food for Famine Picture Index No. 3 -- Potatoes pinch hit for wheat flour.
- Food for Famine Picture Index No. 5 -- Do's and don't's of fat conservation.
- Food for Famine Picture Index No. 7 -- Wheat moving from large terminal to seagoing vessel.
- Food for Famine Picture Index No. 8 -- Shipment of wheat from U.S. to Italy.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Where and how famine food is distributed ---

We must have confidence in our Army and our Allies. In occupied countries our Army is handling the relief feeding while the distribution of food for famine relief in other countries is being handled by the various Governments.

It would be impossible to get sufficient help to handle the actual distribution and probably the various Governments would not permit someone else to step in and handle distribution.

Menus for Famine Days ---

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has been pressed for menus which can be recommended to homemakers for use in connection with observing one or probably two famine days per week. No such menus will be prepared. In the first place the Department does not want the people in this country to eat the same foods as are being eaten in Europe on the famine days because this would mean eating more bread, cereals, etc. These are the things we are asked to eat less of.

Second, to suggest a low caloric menu would necessarily involve recommending the use of many comparatively high cost foods.

The above may be used as explanation as to why no menus are being recommended. We should continue to stick to the recommendations to cut out waste, eat less fats and oils, cereals, etc.

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